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2. On 13 December, a lieutenant colonel and three majors, all of whom wore black-bordered red epaulets, two majors who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and a captain who wore black-bordered black epaulets were observed at the former Landesheilanstalt (district mental hospital) which was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets with artillery insignia. Thirty-four counted and another estimated 16 motor vehicles were parked in the area of the installation. An SU-76 SP gun moved about the area of the former hospital. Twenty soldiers wearing

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